

Education Programs: FAQ

- 1. Are bathrooms available? Yes, in the Visitor Center and at the Suffrage Printshop.
- 2. Are docents available?

 Yes. A park ranger will conduct your program.
- 3. If there is a cost of admission, how much? Group rates?

 Admission to the park is free. Tours and Education Programs are also free.
- 4. How many chaperones are needed per student? One Chaperone per 10 students.
- Are chaperones admitted free? Yes.
- 6. Is there grant money to lower cost? Gas for travel?
 No.
- 7. Is the park wheelchair accessible? If not, where do I send my handicapped children? Yes for the Visitor Center, Wesleyan Chapel, Suffrage Printstop, and M'Clintock House. The Stanton House is not accessible by wheel chair.
- 8. Are there picnic areas? How many students can be accommodated?

 Groups are free to eat their lunch in Declaration Park or on the bleachers next to the Chapel. The Chapel may not be used for lunches. There is a public park nearby which may be used, and a recreation hall 2 blocks from the visitor center at 35 Water Street which may be used by appointment. Call 315-568-6933 to make arrangements.
- Why should I bring my students to your museum?
 Your students should come here because of the story told here of individuals who struggled for equal rights for all people. It is part of a continuum of mankind's struggle for equality.



- 10. What is unique to your museum? "Must see!" items

 The Wesleyan Chapel, and if time permits, the Elizabeth Cady Stanton House. During the summer months, the M'Clintock House also.
- 11. What is the number of students you can accommodate at one time?

 We prefer groups no larger than 40 students. It is important to remember that the printshop can only permit groups of no larger than 12 people including chaperons. Middle School groups coming for the **Taking a Stand** program should consist of no more than 30 students and 5 chaperones, rotating between the Visitor Center and Chapel, Printshop, and the National Women's Hall of Fame.
- 12. What size groups would you want walking through your museum?

 The park will take groups of 40 students per field trip. For the **Entering Upon the Great Work** program (4th grade) they may be broken into groups of 20 students, and for the **Taking a Stand** program(7th grade), into groups of no more than 10 students.
- 13. What is your ideal ratio between chaperones and students? One chaperone for every ten students.
- 14. What standards will be covered from the state curriculum? This would be determined on what LEARNING CENTERS provided at your museum during the visit. Therefore, what specific centers, rooms, and hands on activities do you have set up for school visits?

 New York State Learning Standards for Social Studies, English Language Arts, and Arts.
- 15. How do I book a visit?

 By calling our information desk at 315-568-0024.
- 16. Can teachers visit free to check out locations and time to travel to the different museums? Yes. Please bring your teacher's ID with you for verification.
- 17.Lunch? Where can my class eat at your location?

 Declaration Park, the bleachers next to the Chapel, People's Park (one block away) and the Recreation hall by appointment.
- 18. Are there any stores in the village that will welcome a class to eat or to shop?

 Yes. There are one or two shops in town that will make sandwiches for groups ahead of time.



19. Is there parking available?

Yes. In front of the Visitor Center or in our parking lot behind the Visitor Center. Buses should park on either Clinton or Mynderse Street, which are on either side of the Visitor Center.

- 20. What unique artifact do you have that I should see?
 - A 19th century bustle, exercise equipment, campaign buttons, a copy of <u>The Lowell Offering</u> (a 19th century women's newsletter from Lowell, MA).
- 21. Can my department have a meeting in your museum?

 Meetings may be held in our conference room, depending upon availability. Call 315-5682262 to make arrangements.
- 22. Along the canal path, is there a tour guide available? How many students?

 The historic tow path on the canal no longer exists, but there is a path along the canal that one may take, called the Luvidicco Art trail, which begins on the opposite side of the canal from the Recreation Center at 35 Water Street.
- 23. Are there any museum packages I could bring to school if I cannot visit?

 Brochures and site bulletins are available at our information desk, or can be mailed. Call 315-568-0024.
- 24. Are there any pre-visit handouts, artifacts?

 Pre-visit materials are available for Entering Upon the Great Work (4th grade) and Taking a

 Stand (middle school) programs.
- 25. Are there any post visit activities?

 Post-visit materials are available for **Entering Upon the Great Work** (4th grade) and **Taking a Stand** (middle school) programs.
- 26. Are there any Story Tellers or role actors available during my visit? None available.
- 27. Can I contact the park by e-mail?

Yes. You may e-mail us at wori_information_desk@nps.gov .



28. What is the travel time from my school?

We are generally considered to be an hour's travel from Syracuse, and an hour and a quarter's travel from Rochester.

- 29. What is the ideal visit time for my school?

 The ideal visit time is from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm.
- 30. What is the ideal length of visit time for my school? *Three to four hours.*
- 31. Does the park have a website?

 Our park website is http://www.nps.gov/wori
- 32. What if it is raining outside?

All of our activities are inside, except the Wesleyan Chapel which is outside but under a roof. The weather is not much of an impediment. The only problem might be lunch as we have no inside facilities for that. We always suggest the village Rrecreation Center, two blocks away at 35 Water Street. Call 315-568-6933 to make arrangements.

33. What is available for teachers?

From time to time, teacher's workshops are held in the park.

- 34. What is the amount of lead-time you need before a visit? To register?

 The earlier you can schedule, the more assured you are of making a successful reservation. 30 to 45 days in advance of the day you wish to visit would be optimum. Call 315-568-0024 to make reservations.
- 35. Do I have to contact each individual museum I want to visit? Yes.
- 36. Do you have stamps or punch cards after my student visits each museum (like N.P.S. does)? Yes.
- 37. Are there any testimonials for each museum from teachers from the Seneca Falls area? *Not at the present time.*

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38. Do all 5 museums work together?

Yes. When a group makes a reservation for several museums, we generally try to prepare a rotation grid for the groups to follow.

39. Who may I contact for more information?

The desk ranger at 315-568-0024. The ranger who is overall in charge of education programs is David Malone. You may reach him at 315-568-4328, or at david_malone@nps.gov.